

# **UNITED BENEFICE e-NEWS**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Feast of Pentecost

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

**SATURDAY 27**<sup>th</sup> **09.00** Morning Prayer by Zoom

SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> (Feast of Pentecost)
08.00 BCP Eucharist, Woodbridge
10.00 Parish Eucharist, Woodbridge.
\*\*Don't forget to wear something RED!!
(Livestream link:
https://youtube.com/live/Lqzly2ZEO7M)
17.30 Evening Prayer, Woodbridge

# MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday

# TUESDAY 30th

10.30 Morning Prayer at Seckford Chapel10.30-14.00 Poppy's Pantry, in SMH17.00 Meditation Group, SMH19.30 Bellringers' practice

THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> June (St Justin, Martyr c.165)
10.00 Said Benefice Eucharist,
Woodbridge, followed by coffee in SMH
18.30 Full Choir Rehearsal, SMH

#### FRIDAY 2nd

11.30 Communion at Grove Court20.00 Celebrity Organ Recital, Orford (see details below)

## SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup>

**09.00** Morning Prayer by Zoom **14.00** Bredfield Church Fete

## SUNDAY 4th (Trinity)

09.30 Holy Communion, Great Bealings
11.00 Parish Eucharist, Woodbridge
15.00 Friends' Joyspring jazz concert,
Woodbridge
17.30 Evening Prayer, Woodbridge

Readings for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June (Trinity)

> Isaiah 40. 12-17, 27-end Matthew 28. 16-end

#### **NOTICES**

**CELEBRITY ORGAN RECITAL** – Olivier Latry from Notre Dame de Paris, is arguably the greatest living Organist! He is playing in St Bartholomew's, Orford at **8pm** on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**, so please book here TODAY!

JOYSPRING JAZZ CONCERT – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm. 'Jazz Greats' from Joyspring, including Duke Ellington, Dave Brubeck & Django Reinhardt. Refreshments available during the interval, and a retiring collection for the Friends of St Mary's. All welcome!

MOTHERS' UNION 'CREAM TEA' is on Thursday 8th June at 2.15pm in SMH Tickets are £5 pp and are available from either Jane Cole, Margaret Lowe or Rachel Jolley. (Proceeds from this event are for the work of the MU at Home and Overseas). It would be lovely to see you and support this good cause.

FIZZ IN AN ENGLISH GARDEN - Gill Notcutt has kindly agreed to host an early evening soiree for the Friends of St Mary's in her beautiful garden, on Saturday 10th June, 6-8pm. Do join us if you can for a glass or two of fizz or a non-alcoholic alternative and a short tour of the garden. Hopefully the summer sun will shine on us! The address is Creek Farm, Sandy Lane Woodbridge, IP12 4SB (turn left just before the railway bridge and look out for the Friends banner).

**ST MARY'S SHOP** - New **Fairtrade** items are now arriving in the shop, and more will be added over the next few weeks! For example, we now stock green tea, cocoa, organic dried fruit including dates and mango, golden granulated sugar and, by popular demand, Divine chocolate in quite a few flavours. There are also some new Fairtrade gift items such as colourful bags and gift wrap/scarfs made from recycled saris. And, of course, we have a wide selection of greetings cards at very reasonable prices! Just pop in and have a look around.

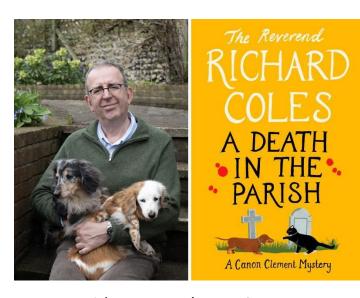
**WOODBRIDGE SUMMER FAIR** – This will be on **Saturday 2**<sup>nd</sup> **September.** Please book the date now! To move the plans on, there will be a meeting at **7.30pm** on **Tuesday 6**<sup>th</sup> **June** at **The Rectory.** We hope to make this an exciting activity for all, and gain a good boost for church funds too. Please do come along and offer your thoughts about this event, and make suggestions for others (next week's Church Fete at Bredfield is one to watch for ideas!!).

**FACEBOOK** – Please keep the 'conversation' going with your photos and comments on different church events, and 'click' on your favourite emoji...

**NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR** – This salaried post is now being advertised via our church website and Diocesan e-News, so please spread the word. Wider advertising and networking will be necessary if we have no takers! Ideally, we are looking for <u>local</u> talent to join our music team, and informal enquiries can now be made, and are encouraged, to Fr Nigel or Sarah, before any formal interviews.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – Thank you to everyone from Great Bealings and Woodbridge who have contributed to date. It is still possible to give online here. Our thanks to Tony Waller for his meticulous organising!





THE REVEREND RICHARD COLES IN
CONVERSATION – On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June,
12 noon at Riverside Cinema, Woodbridge,
the bestselling writer, broadcaster and
vicar, Richard Coles will be visiting
Woodbridge for this special lunchtime
event to talk about his second Canon
Clement Mystery, 'A Death in the Parish'.

Tickets are available online or in person from the Riverside Cinema. Priced £20, they include a signed copy of 'A Death in

the Parish' (RRP£18.99). One further ticket may be purchased for £10, without the book. Details: 01394 382174.

#### FOR YOUR PRAYERS

(please <u>click here</u> for the Diocesan Prayer Diary)

Give thanks for the Coming of the Holy Spirit to refresh and renew the life and witness of the worldwide Church. For our Deanery of Woodbridge and the new Rural Dean-elect, Rev'd Giles Turk.

Over half term that our families and children may find time for relaxation.

For the forthcoming Suffolk Show, and all who work in agriculture and farming.

For comfort to the sick or weary, and thanks to all who minister to them – at home, in hospital, or in our care homes.

Among the recently departed: for Alan Harries, & Chris Bates

# COLLECT (PRAYER FOR THE WEEK)

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift
of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of
love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Faithful God,
who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal:
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your
glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

Please contact the Benefice Office for all Baptism, Wedding and Funeral enquiries, and enquiries regarding bookings for the church or St Mary's House, on 01394 388820 or parish.office@stmaryswoodbridge.org

The Benefice Office will be closed all week from 29<sup>th</sup> May

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